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What's With Kids Today?

Here's what's with kids today –more than 9, 000 hours of work and more than 3, 300 hours of class work to prepare for entry into the workforce.

Sixty-nine youth participating in the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network's (Pacific Gateway) Inspired Internship program will be graduating on Friday, January 25, 4:30-6:00 pm, at Dyer Hall on the campus of Long Beach City College, 1305 East PCH, Long Beach. Free parking is available in student parking lots.

"This comprehensive program provides youth ages 16-24 with 180 hours of work-readiness training, job coaching, and work experience. Successful high school students earn 10 high school elective credits," said Bryan Rogers, Executive Director of Pacific Gateway. "All those who successfully complete both the work and classroom hours earn a certificate of completion to show future employers."

The Inspired Internship Program is an exciting collaboration developed by the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network in partnership with the Industrial Education Council of Long Beach and Long Beach Unified School District's Regional Occupation. Program. The common goal and benefit is to prepare youth as they enter the workforce.

For more information on the Inspired Internship Program, please visit www.hireayouth.com or the Youth Opportunity Center at 3447 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807. You can also call 562.570.4700.

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